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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE

QUESTION: MORNING PRESS REPORTS GIVE SOME DETAILS OF THE
DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED RESPONSE TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT
ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY IMPACTS OF THE GARRISON DIVERSION UNIT.
WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THIS QUESTION?

ANSWER: WE ARE AWARE OF THE REPORT WHICH YOU CITE, ALTHOUGH
I HAVE NOT SEEN THE SPECIFIC STORY. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS
IN THE PROCESS OF FORMULATING A RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF CANADA IN ANSWER TO ITS RECENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON
THE GARRISON DIVERSION UNIT. IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR
ME TO COMMENT IN ANY DETAIL UNTIL WE HAVE GIVEN OUR ANSWER
TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. WE EXPECT TO RESPOND TO THE
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I WOULD LIKE TO
RECONFIRM, HOWEVER, THAT THE USG HAS GIVEN UNQUALIFIED
ASSURANCES TO CANADA THAT WE WILL NOT VIOLATE OUR INTER-
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NATIONAL OBLIGATION TO CANADA THROUGH CONSTRUCTION OR

OPERATION OF THE GARRISON DIVERSION UNIT, AND WE INTEND
FULLY TO ABIDE BY THOSE ASSURANCES. ROBINSON

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